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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: DCID 1/16 Impact on Personnel Security Resources

In June 1978, with the concurrence of the National Foreign Intelligence Board, the issuance of DCID 1/16 was approved to provide policy and procedures concerning the security of foreign intelligence in automated data processing systems and networks. It was recognized that the Department of Defense would be required to conduct more background investigations as a result. Subsequently, the Secretary of Defense requested that implementation within the Department of Defense be held in abeyance pending completion of an assessment to determine the impact on investigative resources.

The Department of Defense assessment has been completed. Predicting workload impact is not an exact science and there is always the danger that the impact may be greater than anticipated. At this time, it is estimated that DCID 1/16 will cause a one percent increase in the workload of the Defense Investigative Service. The initial year requirement of about 2500 investigations can be phased-in over a period of time, and the remainder of the effort spread over a five-year period. Therefore, the impact is not considered sufficiently significant to require a review of DCID 1/16 for this reason only.

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